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STOCKPILE ISSUES TANTALUM/COLUMBIUM CONCENTRATES AMENDMENT

Fort Belvoir, VA—The Defense National Stockpile Center today issued Amendment No. 010 to Solicitation for Offers, DLA-Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates-001. The amendment solicits offers for the sale of approximately 220,789 pounds (80,437 Ta205 pounds contained) of tantalum/columbium concentrates. Existing Amendment 009 includes the requirement for bidders to submit financial information (income statement, balance sheets, other documentation) to the Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates Contracting Officer for evaluation to establish a bidder's financial exposure limit and to determine if a bidder is financially responsible.

The offering will be held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2003**. Offers are due by **10:00 a.m., local time**, at 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., Suite, 3229, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

The format of this sale is negotiated, which allows the Government to discuss issues regarding price, removal period, quantity, or other provisions to the solicitation.

Requests for copies of the amendment and other inquiries should be directed to Rossell Beckett (703) 767-5402.

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